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ABSTRACT

Analyses of enrollment figures at Diablo Valley College (DVC), in California, indicate that the number of students under 20 years of age attending has been declining. DVC's enrollments are dependent on what happens in the college's feeder areas, since the number of recent high school graduates directly affects enrollment at the college. While the State Department of Finance predicts that the number of high school graduates in DVC's county has reached bottom and begun to increase, the number of graduates from DVC's feeder schools does not show that trend. The data indicate that in fall 1993 a smaller number of most graduating classes enrolled in courses at DVC than had been the case in the last three years. Enrollment statistics indicate that 23% of the fall 1993 graduates from the Acalanes multiple high school district enrolled, compared to 30% in 1992; 38% of the Mt. Diablo district graduates enrolled, compared to 50% in 1992; and 28% of the San Ramon district graduates enrolled, compared to 32% in 1992. Percentages were also down from the single high school districts of Alhambra (36% versus 60% in 1992), Carondelet (17% versus 31% in 1992), and De LaSalle (30% versus 37% in 1992). The college must determine if the decline is the result of recent state-mandated fee increases, and determine appropriate responses. Charts and tables are included. (KP)

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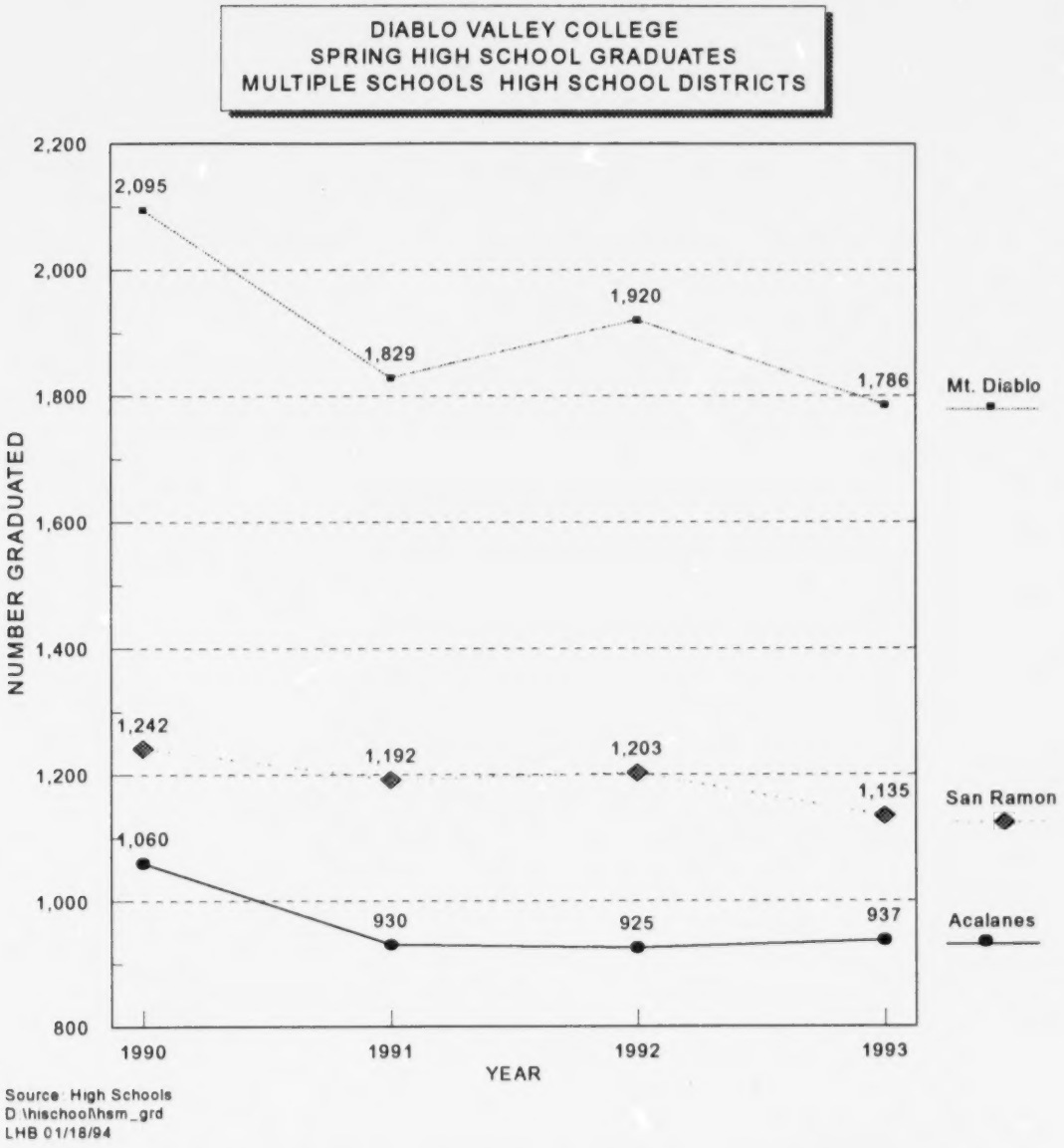
DECLINING FEEDER HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS AT DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

The number of students less than 20 years of age attending DVC has been consistently declining. DVC's enrollments are dependent on what is happening in our feeder area. One group that affects enrollment at DVC is the recent high school graduates.

The State of California Department of Finance predicts that the number of high school graduates in Contra Costa County has reached the bottom and is starting to increase. However, the number of graduates from DVC's feeder schools does not show that trend.

The data indicates that in the fall of 1993 a smaller number of most of the graduating classes enrolled in courses at DVC than had been the case in the last three years.

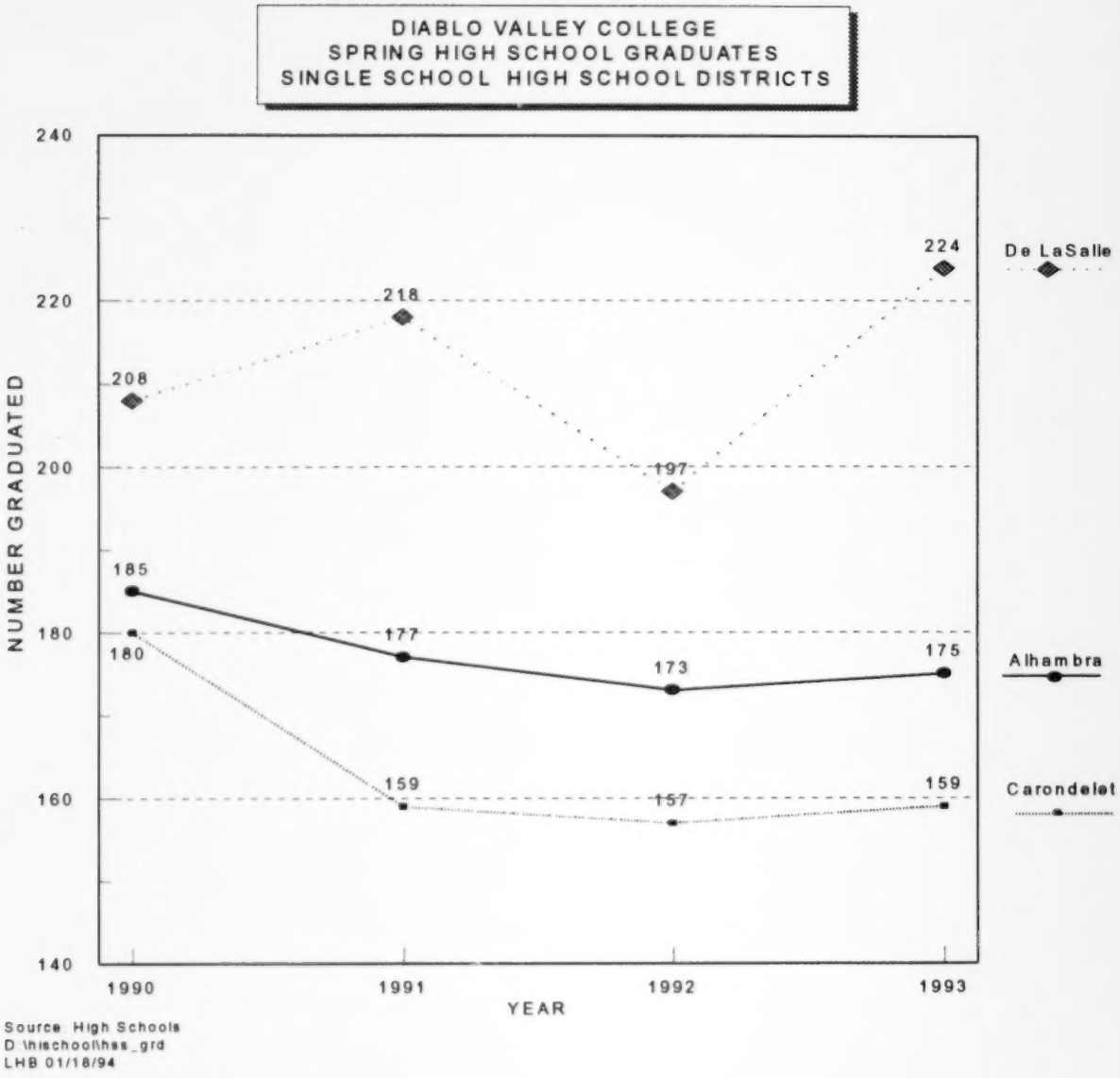
Because the decrease has been so significant, it is critical that we determine the reasons for the sudden reduction. Is it only the fee increase or is there something else? What actions should the college take?



PERCENT THAT ENROLLED AT DVC FALL SEMESTERS

	1990	1991	1992	1993
Acalanes	24%	27%	30%	23%
Mt. Diablo	36%	45%	50%	38%
San Ramon	27%	28%	32%	28%

- There has been a significant reduction in the number of spring 1993 graduates from the Acalanes and Mt. Diablo districts who enrolled at DVC in the fall of 1993.



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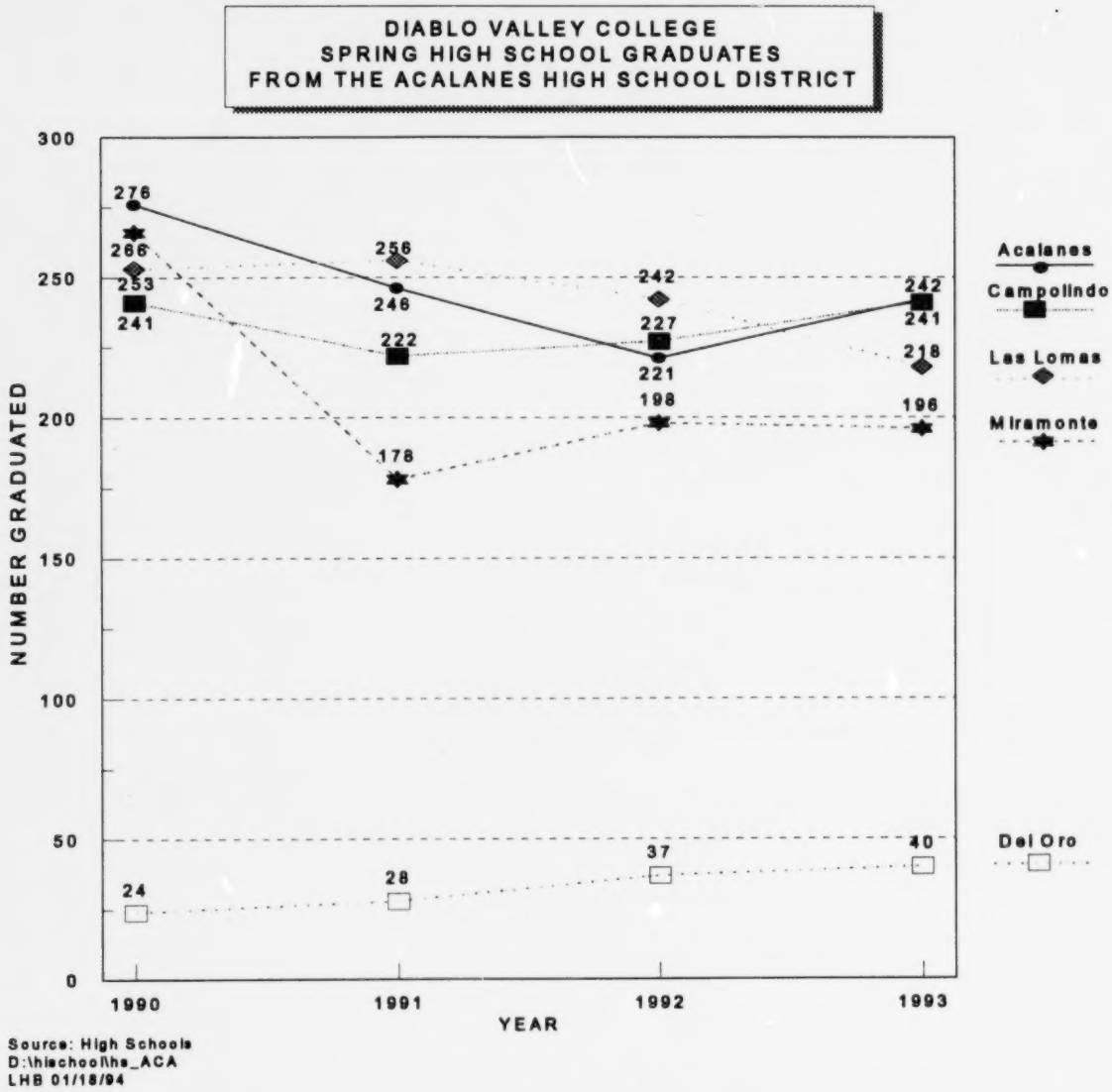
	1990	1991	1992	1993
Alhambra			60%	36%
Carondelet			31%	17%
De LaSalle			37%	30%

- Data for enrollment in the fall of 1990 and 1991 is not available for these schools.
- There is a significant reduction in the number of 1993 spring graduates from Alhambra and Carondelet who enrolled in classes at DVC in the fall of 1993.



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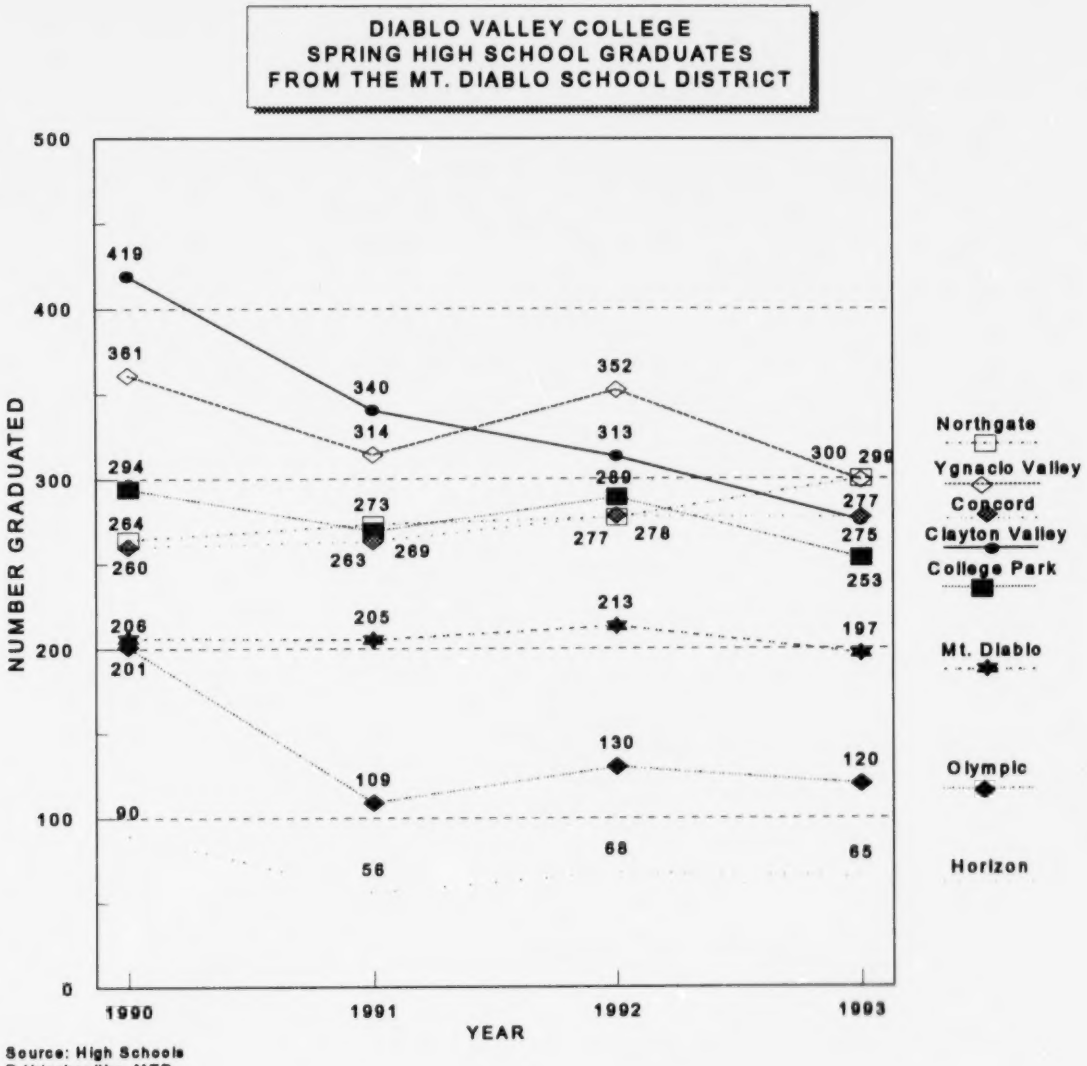
	1990	1991	1992	1993
Acalanes	28%	27%	25%	25%
Campolindo	19%	21%	27%	18%
Las Lomas	37%	43%	43%	38%
Miramonte	16%	14%	22%	8%
Del Oro			41%	23%

- There is little change in the percent from Acalanes High School to DVC.
- There is a significant reduction from Campolindo, Miramonte, and Del Oro.



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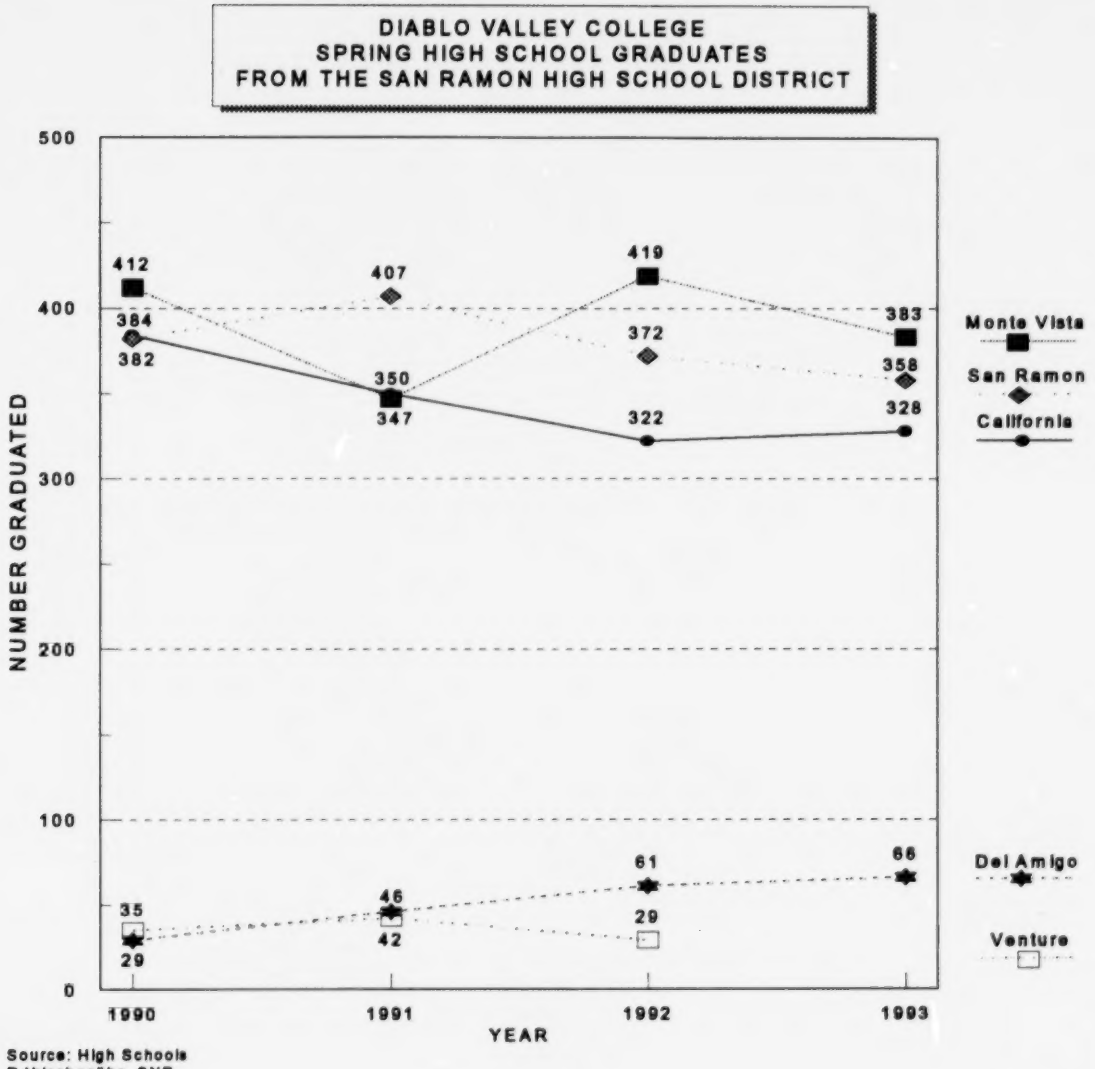
PERCENT THAT ENROLLED AT DVC FALL SEMESTERS

	1990	1991	1992	1993
Clayton Valley	42%	48%	50%	40%
College Park	55%	61%	62%	47%
Concord	40%	48%	54%	42%
Mt. Diablo	39%	49%	52%	34%
Northgate	29%	44%	43%	35%
Ygnacio Valley	45%	47%	56%	45%
Olympic			30%	27%

- There was a significant reduction in the percent of spring 1993 graduates who attended DVC in the fall of 1993 from all schools.



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PERCENT THAT ENROLLED AT DVC FALL SEMESTERS

	1990	1991	1992	1993
California	29%	32%	41%	31%
Monte Vista	20%	25%	26%	22%
San Ramon	36%	33%	38%	32%
Del Amigo				23%

- There was no 1993 graduation data available for Venture High School.
- The number of students from the spring 1993 graduation class who enrolled at DVC in the fall reduced significantly in 1993.

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